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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. Astor, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE SMITH & CO., 39, Cornhill. GORDON & CO., 20, Cornhill. GORDON & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMSON, DRAGO, & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank as marked on the Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank RECEIVES Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits—  
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 "

" 3 " 3 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balance of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agency of  
THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.  
H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1068

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000  
Reserve Fund.....\$4,500,000  
Reserve for Equalization.....\$200,000  
of Dividends.....\$4,500,000  
Reserve Liability of Pro-  
prietors.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
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Credits granted on approved Securities,  
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Drugs granted on London, and the  
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,  
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JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, August 23, 1886. 947

## Notice of Firm.

### NOTICE.

ON and after this date, until further Notice, the Undersigned will TAKE CHARGE of the BUSINESS of the HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED, by Order of the Directors.

W. S. BAMSLEY,  
Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, August 30, 1886. 1684

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23d to the 30th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
SAM'L J. GOWER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1779

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 20th day of September, 1886, at Noon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

### RESOLUTION.

That Article No. 11 in the Articles of Association be altered by eliminating therefrom the figures \$100,000, where they appear twice therein and substituting for such figures, the figures \$10,000.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Managers.

Dated 27th August, 1886. 1644

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1886.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 26th September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 8, 1886. 1740

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE HOTEL is now prepared to SUPPLY PICNIC PARTIES, &c., with all REQUISITES on Moderate Terms.

A. FONSECA,  
Assistant Manager.  
Hongkong, September 7, 1886. 1726

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## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE made special arrangements to RECEIVE CONSTANT SUPPLIES of New Books, Selected from the Works of the Best Authors, as they are published.

J. H. S. T. RECEIVED

THE HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA, by Thackeray; THE PROGRESS OF THE GREAT SMOKEY (now cheap edition); OUR SENSATION NOVEL, by McCarthy; SHOOTING, by Charles E. Lealand; JAMES KAYNE, second series; UNDER THE RED FLAG, by Bradson; RAD TO READ, by Hawley Smart; STRUCK DOWN, by Hawley Smart; ALISTEE, by Octave Feuillet; MOLKA, by E. L. Farjeon; A DRAMA IN MUSLIN, by George Moore; DELIGHTFUL THAMES, by E. F. Manning; CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNCH, by Thackeray; MISCELLANEOUS ESSAYS AND SKETCHES, by Thackeray.

FIRST FELSON SINGULAR, by Christie Murray; WE TWO, by Edna Lyall; THE GOLDEN DAYS, by Edna Lyall; THE VALLEY OF TESTIMONY TREES, by Phil Robinson; OLIVER'S BRIDE, by Oliphant; LOOSE LEAVES, by Wanda; IRISH, by Andrew Reid; GILBERT'S COMO OPERAS; SOCIAL VICTORIES, by F. C. Phillip; A FIGHT FOR FORTUNE, by Du Boissey; A TERRIBLE COWARD, by G. Melville Fenn.

Hongkong, September 15, 1886. 1779

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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For Sale.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**MCEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE  
THE FOLLOWING  
**STORES.**

EX AMERICAN MAIL STEAMER.

Smoked HAMS.

Golden SYRUP in Gallon Tins.

Assorted SYRUPS.

CUTTING'S TABLE FRUITS.

ASPARAGUS.

Queen OLIVES.

Sausage MEAT.

CAVIAR.

Potted MEATS.

MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.

Englo Brand MILK.

Lamb's TONGUES.

Green CORN.

Baked BEANS.

BRAUN.

A LARGE APARTMENT  
of  
COOKING AND PARLOUR**STOVES.**AGATE IRON WARE COOKING  
UTENSILS.  
WOFFLE IRONS.  
CHARCOAL IRONS.  
KEROSENE LAMPS.  
NONPARUEL KEROSENE OIL.**WINES, &c.**

SPARKLING SAUMUR, Pts. &amp; Qts. @ \$11 and \$12.

CUP CHAMPAGNE, Pts. &amp; Qts. @ \$12 and \$14.

SAUCON'S SHERRY.

SAUCON'S INVALID PORT.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

JAMESON'S WHISKY.

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

HERKINO'S CHERRY CORDIAL.

ASSORTED LEQUEURS.

DRAUGHT, ALE and PORTER:

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

of  
OILMAN'S STORES,  
at the  
Lowest Possible Prices  
FOR CASH.**MCEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**

Hongkong, July 1, 1886. 1268

**SZE HOP**HAS FOR SALE SAI KUNG LIME on  
the Best Quality; always Ready on  
hand.**PRICE MODERATE.**No. 17, WING FOONG STREET,  
QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.  
Hongkong, July 26, 1886. 1443**INSURANCES.**

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,

A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:**Marine Department.**Policies issued at current rates, payable either  
here, in London, or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.**Fire Department.**Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.**Life Department.**Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.**HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.**

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

**NEW ASSURANCES.**FROM 1850 to 1855... £2,492,988.  
" 1855 " 1860... 2,816,455.  
" 1860 " 1865... 8,834,365.  
" 1865 " 1870... 5,713,913.  
" 1870 " 1875... 6,048,364.  
" 1875 " 1880... 6,195,486.  
Since 1880 there is a still further in-  
crease.The Total existing Assurances exceed  
20,000,000, while upwards of Eleven Mil-  
lion Sterling have already been paid in  
DEATH CLAIMS.**PREMIUMS IN CHINA**EXCEPTIONALLY MODERATE.  
For Full Particulars, apply to  
**THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,**

Agents.

Hongkong, June 1, 1886. 1075

**To-day's Advertisements.****FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL**The Steamship  
*Glenagle*,  
Captain Hock, will be  
despatched as above TO-  
MORROW (Friday), the 17th Instant, at  
4 p.m.This Steamer has superior Accommodation  
for First-class Passengers and carries a  
Doctor and Stewards.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.**

Hongkong, September 13, 1886. 1790

FOR NINGPO AND SHANGHAI

The Steamship  
*Peking*,  
Capt. G. HEUERMANN, will be  
despatched as above TO-  
MORROW, the 17th Inst.,  
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**SIEMSEN & CO.**

Hongkong, September 10, 1886. 1787

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

September 16, 1886.—  
*Glamis Castle*, British steamer, 1,587,  
Amy, Foochow, September 14, Tea—  
*ADAMSON, BELL & CO.**Diamond*, British steamer, 514, A. A.  
McCallum, Manila September 11, Coal and  
General—*RUSSELL & CO.**Taiwan*, British steamer, 1,109, T. H.  
Clegg, Australia August 21, Coal and  
General—*BURRARD & SWIRE*.*Normandie*, British steamer, 1,553,  
Drake, Nagasaki September 11, Coal and  
General—*SIEMSEN & CO.**Prince Alexander*, German steamer, 1,911,  
R. Eckert, Hamburg July 15, and Singa-  
pore September 9, General—*RUSSELL & CO.**Peking*, British steamer, from Whampoa—  
Anton, German steamer, from Macao.*Proprietary*, British steamer, 1,357, G.  
Hooley, Sigon September 12, Rice—  
*ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.*

## DEPARTURES.

September 16:—  
*Espoir*, British gunboat, for a cruise.  
*Cheung Hoek Kien*, for Swatow.  
*Fidelio*, for Amoy.*Natal*, for Europe.*Bellona*, for Singapore and Hamburg.  
Gratitudes, for Kuching.*Oceanic*, for Whampoa.*Canton*, for Shanghai.*Fornosa*, for Amoy and Tamsui.*Anadyr*, for Shanghai.

## C. &amp; J. R. CO.

*Khiva*, for Singapore and Bombay.*Aette*, for Haiphong.*Anton*, for Hoochow.

## PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

*Diamond*, from Manila, Messrs  
Barrett, Butterworth, Mr and Mrs  
H. S. Edmunds and 3 children, and 80  
Chinese.*Postman*, from Australia, Mr King-  
ston, 4 Europeans, and 15 Chinese.*Per Prince Alexander*, from Singapore,  
350 Chinese.*Per Proprietary*, from Saigon, Mr T.  
Carapet, and 40 Chinese.

Departed.

*Per Nodai*, from Hongkong: for Saigon, Mrs Afah, Messrs Ly Nou and Ly Hoa;  
for Marseilles, Rev. de la Toite, Messrs  
Rippe, Graf, C. A. Taylor, and J. Lewis.From Shanghai: for Saigon, Messrs P.  
Sibaldi, S. Fonque, Theron de la Cas-  
cina and F. Roy; for Marseilles, Messrs  
Herbert Smith and F. Deacon.From Yokohama: for Marseilles, Messrs  
Brouat, Takahashi, and Mrs Joseph.Per *Anadyr*, for Shanghai: from Hong-  
kong, Sir K. Hart and servant, Mr Hart  
servant, and 2 Chinese servants, Mr and  
Mrs Brown, Rev. Father Lenouvel and  
Brother Gendron; Mr Steller, and 4  
Chinese; for Marseilles, Rev. Angelo and J.  
Antoine.Per *Galatea*, British ship, Captain William  
Colville.—Borneo Co. Ltd.GEORGE CURTIS, American ship, Capt. T.  
Sproul.—Marscer.GRANDER, American ship, Captain T. H.  
Evans.—Meighers & Co.HARVESTER, American ship, Captain Wm.  
Taylor.—Order.

HYDRA, German barque, Capt. C. Binge.

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.

J. D. PETERS, American ship, Capt. G.  
A. Lane.—Messageries Maritimes.J. H. BOWERS, American barque, Captain  
John A. Plum.—Chinaman.

LOHNA, British barque, Lynn.

MOUNT LEBANON, Amer. bar'tine, Capt.  
John H. Nelson.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.RIESTON, British barque, Captain Jas.  
Veale.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.STRATHEDEN, British steamer, Capt. Wm.  
Hutton.—Molchen & Co.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officer or  
Crew of the following Vessel, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:ALEX. MCNEIL, American ship, Capt. G.  
W. David.—Messageries Maritimes.ANNIE H. SMITH, American ship, Capt.  
R. B. Brown.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.BORNEO, Dutch steamer, Captain J. Wil-  
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Ax incident took place yesterday afternoon at the inquest on the body of the man who was killed at Hungtung, which cannot be said to reflect much credit on the Acting Coroner (Mr Mitchell-Innes). From what we learn it appears that the Acting Coroner, after badgering one of the witnesses, who had given his evidence in a straightforward and intelligent manner, asked the question, what was done for the man. The witness had already told the Acting Coroner that the man had been removed from the spot where the accident took place to the top of the bank as quickly as possible, and that he was dead when he reached the bank. On the Coroner putting his question, therefore, the witness, who seemed surprised that such a manifestly absurd question should have been put to him, asked in return a quiet and respectful manner: 'Was there any good in doing anything for a dead man?' On hearing this the Coroner evidently lost his temper, and injudiciously added by saying in a somewhat excited manner: 'I do not know whether you mean to be impudent or not.' Witness protested that he had not the slightest intention of being impudent, and there was certainly nothing disrespectful or impudent in his manner. And he again explained that there was no time to do anything for the man. Mr Mitchell-Innes has evidently to learn the true way to uphold the dignity of his Court. It is not by putting absurd questions to intelligent men, and then when their absurdity is exposed by losing his temper, that he can hope to do so. He has also to learn that witnesses have sensibilities as well as Coroners, and that where a witness gives his evidence in a straightforward way, it is not only impudent, but discourteous to badger him.

M. JUILL BLAISEAU, the Deputy of Cochinchina to the French Parliament, was a passenger from Marseilles to Saigon by the M. M. Co. a mail steamer *Anadyr*.

The correspondent of a Berlin journal writes that no fewer than fifty-six war correspondents are at Athens waiting for the Greek war, and are out of work.

From Achaea within eleven days from the 10th to the 21st August, no less than 316 invalids were despatched by steamer to healthful localities. At this rate the army in Achaea will soon be too much encumbered to hold its own.—*Stralsund Times Translation*.

The *Jazz Bode* is assured by a correspondent that the most effective way to keep the ground floors of dwellings and storerooms dry is, when building, to spread over the spot a layer of fine coal dust stamped compactly. A layer of sand of equal thickness is then laid over it, and upon that the floor, when so constructed, the door will it is said always remain dry from the coal dust absorbing the moisture of the soil. The sand layer and hence the floor are secured from dampness and continue dry. To keep away white ants, the laying of a layer of coal dust under ground has proved highly serviceable owing to the inability of these destructive insects to make their way through it.

A RUSSIAN telegram, dated St. Petersburg, August 9, and published in the London daily shows that Lord Rosebery has taken up strong ground with regard to the Russian occupation of Batoum. It reads as follows:—Lord Rosebery, in his Note to Sir Robert Morier on the Batoum Question states that, in a conversation with the Russian Ambassador, he had dwelt upon the validity of Treaty, and pointed out that Russia could not abrogate any single Article of a Treaty without the consent of the other signatories. Moreover, Russia adhered to this principle at the London Conference, and M. de Malafosse reaffirmed that adhesion at the Conference of Constantinople. Lord Rosebery maintained that Article 69 of the Berlin Treaty was binding upon Russia, otherwise it would not have been inserted in the Treaty. The Portocool proved that all the Powers re-acted the Article as obligatory, and England could not, therefore, recognise the action of Russia.

The centenary of the publication of the first edition of the poems of Burns was celebrated on Saturday, the 7th August, at Kilmarnock. The demonstration was attended by 30,000 persons. The centennial address was delivered by Mr Jas. H. Stoddart, LL.D., Editor of the Glasgow Herald. Having briefly alluded to the importance and the significance in the Scotch national life of the first edition of Burns's Poems, Dr Stoddart proceeded to say that he could not agree with the late Mr Buckle when he declared that not to Spain Scotland was the most supitious and priot-ridden country in Europe. The man who could make such a statement knew nothing of the work which Robert Burns accomplished for the people of Scotland. The effect of his verse, they had a strong educational influence upon the mind of the peasanty of Scotland. They allayed fanaticism, and whatever harm some of these poems may have done, the influence was intellectually and morally stimulative and essentially good. Whatever their critics may say, he thought he might assert this much, that the first work, the first hostage which great man gives to society of the work which in him was as worthy of commemoration as the day of his birth or the day of his death.

#### NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams are taken from Australian exchanges brought on by the steamer *Titanic*, which arrived here this morning:—

**THE NEW HEBRIDES QUESTION.**

London, Aug. 13.—The National, a French newspaper representing the Republican Left, remarks that Australia had better recognise the fact that France will not evacuate the New Hebrides. Other French journals write in the same strain.

London, Aug. 20.—Sir Graham Berry had an interview with Mr Edward Stanhope, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to-day, when he took occasion to press upon the Home Government the request that France should be asked to fix a date for the withdrawal of her troops from the New Hebrides.

London, Aug. 21.—It is asserted and believed on good authority that it is the intention of France to retain possession of the New Hebrides pending the settlement of other matters between England and France.

Sir Graham Berry has not joined the colonial visitors in their recent trips to the provinces because he was fully engaged pressing a settlement of the New Hebrides question.

#### THE COLONISTS ABROAD.

August 13.—A party of colonists arrived yesterday at Cheltenham, where were entertained at luncheon by Mayor of the town. The Duke of Westminster, the Bishop of Chester, and the wife of the district were present.

The colonists afterwards drove to Eaton Hall, where they were the guests of the Duke of Westminster.

A number of colonial visitors proceeded from London to Dublin on Saturday.

They were warmly greeted on their arrival, dense crowds assembling to welcome the party.

August 18.—The colonial visitors at present in Dublin are the guests of the Lord Mayor yesterday. They were shown over all the places of interest in the city, and were afterwards entertained at lunch.

The visitors from the colonies now staying in Dublin were entertained at the Mansion House last night by the Lord Mayor. The rooms were brilliantly decorated, but the British flags were conspicuously absent.

London, Aug. 20.—A large party of colonists visited Dover to-day and were banqueted by the Mayor. In the afternoon the visitors witnessed a series of naval operations which had been arranged in their honor.

#### THE BOATS IN IRELAND.

London, Aug. 13.—Boats containing gunpowder, with lighted fuses attached, were thrown amongst a procession of Orangemen while passing through the streets of Londonderry yesterday. No harm was done.

#### THE TIMES' ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

London, Aug. 21.—The Times, advises the Government to remodel the Church, and to deal with the House of Lords and the land and local government questions.

#### SOCIALISM IN BRUSSELS.

August 16.—Twenty thousand Socialists paraded the streets of Brussels yesterday, demanding universal suffrage.

#### A PROPOSED FEDERAL COUNCIL.

Sir Daniel Cooper has written a letter to the Times urging the formation of a Federal Council of the British Empire, consisting of 30 members, Australasia and Canada to be entitled to four representatives each.

#### THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

London, Aug. 16.—Mr Michael Davitt addressed a gathering of 20,000 Irish Americans at Chicago yesterday. He declared that the Irish National party had abandoned their policy of revenge.

#### WASHINGTON, AUG. 17.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The Chicago Convention meets to-morrow. It is reported that discord exists among the delegates, the partisans of the dynamic party being dissatisfied with the policy of Mr Parnell and his follers.

#### WASHINGTON, AUG. 18.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The chairman of the Chicago Irish Convention has dispatched a cable message to Mr Parnell informing him that the proceedings at the Convention were of a united and harmonious character, and that the policy advocated by him for the settlement of the Irish difficulty.

#### London, Aug. 22.—The Chicago Irish Convention is favorable to Mr Parnell's proposals that moral force should be relied on to effect the settlement of the Irish ques-

tion.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 19.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—It is announced that a mutual arrangement has been come to between the Powers interested in Samoa, whereby it is agreed not to make any alteration in the status of the islands unless all the Powers concerned concur therein. A joint commission has accordingly been dispatched to Samoa with the view of arriving at a definite settlement of affairs. The United States and Germany advocate the introduction of certain changes in the consular system, but Great Britain is opposed to any change at present.

#### BATUM BEING HEAVILY FORTIFIED.

London, Aug. 17.—The Port of Batoum, on the black Sea, is being heavily fortified by Russia, and the garrison is to be strongly reinforced.

#### THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

London, Aug. 17.—A difficulty has arisen in connection with the Russo-Afghan frontier question. The Afghans declare that they will not yield up Khamihi to the Russians.

#### THE FREQUENCY OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

London, Aug. 18.—It is reported that M. Juill. Gravé, President of the French Republic, will shortly retire, and that he will be succeeded by M. de Foycineau.

#### SEIZURE OF BRITISH VESSELS BY AN AMERICAN MAN-OF-WAR.

London, Aug. 19.—Intelligence has been received from the British schooners engaged in the seal fisheries in the Behring Sea, between Alaska and the Peninsula of Kamtschatka have been seized by an American vessel that did not to Spain. Scotland was the most supitious and priot-ridden country in Europe. The man who could make such a statement knew nothing of the work which Robert Burns accomplished for the people of Scotland. The effect of his verse, they had a strong educational influence upon the mind of the peasanty of Scotland. They allayed fanaticism, and whatever harm some of these poems may have done, the influence was intellectually and morally stimulative and essentially good. Whatever their critics may say, he thought he might assert this much, that the first work, the first hostage which great man gives to society of the work which in him was as worthy of commemoration as the day of his birth or the day of his death.

#### SEVILLA AND BULGARIA.

Softa, Aug. 19.—The joint Ottoman-Bulgarian Commission recently appointed for the purpose of revising the organic statute of Bulgaria, which has been holding its sittings here, has suspended operations, being unable to agree upon a common basis.

#### QUEENSLAND SEPARATION.

London, Aug. 20.—The Colonial Office has officially informed Dr. Ahearn, representative of the North Queensland Separation League, that the question whether the Crown possesses the power to deal with the matter of separation demanded by the League has been submitted to the new Crown law officers recently appointed. They will possibly give a different opinion, that furnished by their predecessors. In any case, no delay will take place in dealing with the question.

An amendment clause will shortly be introduced into Parliament, probably in the House of Lords, dealing with the Queensland Constitution Act.

#### THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

London, Aug. 13.—The match Australia v. Wales' Team, was continued at Portsmouth to-day, when there was a large attendance, the weather being fine. The Australians, having 10 runs and no wickets down, resumed play, and made a good stand. Blackman played an excellent innings, and was bowled for 61. Bruce was the next highest scorer, 56, and he was bowled. The wicket fell for 236, leaving the Englishmen in a minority of 63. The Englishmen in their second innings scored 56 for the loss of no wickets.

London, Aug. 21.—The match at Portsmouth was resumed and concluded to-day, in the presence of a moderate attendance,

The weather was fine, and a capital wicket was pitched. The Englishmen, who yesterday had scored 56, without the loss of a wicket, resumed their innings, and were dispensed of until they had scored 137, the principal scorers being Newland, caught 30; Humphries, not out, 51. The Australian then went in, and made a good stand. Palmer made 25, caught; Scott, not out, 66; and Trumble, not out, 30, winning the match with seven wickets to spare.

#### THE COLONISTS ABROAD.

London, Aug. 20.—Gold to the value of £30,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of Westminster, the Bishop of Chester, and the wife of the district were present.

#### A STEAMER BURNED.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21.—Intelligence received from Saratov states that a large passenger steamer trading on the river Volga was burned and 200 persons perished.

#### NEON AND LARGAN MATCHED.

London, Aug. 21.—A sculling match was arranged between Nelson, of New South Wales, and Largan for 250 a side, to come off on the Thames on September 27.

#### THE LETTER RULING.

London, Aug. 21.—Mr Ferguson, a supporter of Mr Gladstone, has been elected by a majority for Leith, for which place Mr Gladstone was returned unopposed at the late election. Mr Ferguson was appointed to the Board of Trade.

#### THE SALISBURY MINISTER.

London, Aug. 21.—Sir Matthew White Ridley has been appointed President of the Board of Trade by Sir Frederick Stanley, who has been raised to the peerage.

#### THE HOME RULE QUESTION.

London, Aug. 21.—During the debate on the Irish question in the House of Commons last night, Mr O'Connor, the representative of the National Party in England, denounced the proposals of the Government with regard to Irish affairs and denied that the verdict of the country at the last general election was irrevocable. He declared that it was impossible for the Irish people to pay the judicial rents fixed in 1881.

#### IRISH AFFAIRS.

London, Aug. 14.—A number of members of the Cabinet have been formed into a committee for the special consideration of Irish affairs.

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#### THE OCCUPATION OF LAFAYETTE.

London, Aug. 21.—The reported Russian occupation of Lazareff is unfounded.

#### THE NEW BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Says the Standard:—Once it became clear that the unwillingness of Lord Hartington and the Unionist Liberals to co-operate officially with the Conservative Party, that it was impossible for Lord Salisbury himself to resume his labours at the Foreign Office, no better appointment could possibly have been made than that which entitised the management of its business to Lord Idolsleigh. Some people appear to have thought that a public man, who, in the estimation of many, was not pugnacious enough to lead an Opposition in the House of Commons, would not be sufficiently ready to maintain the dignity and assert the interests of England in the face of Foreign Powers.

But the people who were disposed to take this view of the fitness of the Earl of Idolsleigh to perform the work of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs confound two things that have no real similarity. For our part we have never doubted that, if Lord Idolsleigh was in any respect deficient in the qualities of an Opposition Leader in the Lower House, it was more by reason of the deterioration of Parliamentary manners than from other cause.

To be scrupulously fair and uniformly courteous and well-versed does, we fear, stand a good deal in a man's way in the rough-and-tumble polemics of the present House of Commons. But it should be remembered that the Earl of Idolsleigh is a man who has been frequently called to account by his patriotic determination by appealing to Party passions. All he has to do is to be daublike, urbane, well-informed, and, at the critical moment, politely unwavering.

His distinctive colour, the regiment is still popularly known by this title, which is jealously preserved by both officers and men, who cling to it with an affection which will take many years to obliterate. In the year of Prince of Orange, in consequence of their conduct, the dragon being one of the supporters of the Royal Arms in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and indicating the origin of the corps, her Majesty's reign.

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